Dear Legislators,

Thank you for taking the time to hold this hearing and for reading my letter. Unfortunately, noon on a weekday is a very difficult time for most parents and educators to attend. I am a mother of a fifth-grader and a first-grader in Watertown, CT. I don't claim to be an expert on Common Core, but I do know what I witness at my kitchen table every afternoon and I can tell you that it's not working. If you saw the utter ridiculousness that our students are asked to learn, I truly believe that you would agree. I can come up with dozens of examples, but at this point, I humbly ask that you schedule a follow-up hearing at a more convenient time for the "soldiers in the field."

Thank you for your time, Traci Elliott 92 Westview Drive Oakville, CT (860)274-4233